

NEWS AND VIEWS OF SPORTS

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BILLY SUNDAY GETS BAKER TO HIT THE TRAIL

Baltimore, April 24.—J. Franklin Baker, the home run king, whose name is known to everyone who ever heard anything about baseball, hit the sawdust trail in the Billy Sunday Tabernacle last night with four other players of the New York American League team.

Baker, Boone, the second baseman; Cook, outfielder; Mullen, first baseman; Walters, catcher, and Duggan, the Yankee trainer, came over from Washington for the evening services.

As the hero of Trappe, Maryland, started down the sawdust aisle with the other Yankees in a great cheer, Billy stopped them in the sawdust pit and showed more real delight than he had shown in his greetings to any other trail-hitters during the campaign.

The Yanks did not travel the sawdust path until after a great deal of persuasion. In the great audience of 24,000 there were a this last service of the local campaign hundreds of personal workers, and two of these spent more than fifteen minutes on the bench in front of the New Yorkers urging them, particularly Baker, to hit the trail.

RECRUIT BOXMEN PROVE EASY FOR TORONTO HITTERS

(By Wagner)

Pitchers from the wilds of Maine and Rhode Island were tried by Bridgeport at Newfield park yesterday and the favorite son from Maine made the better showing. His name is Dolly Gray and he hails from Madison, Me. Ben Houser, who formerly played with Baltimore, lives near Gray and saw the younger work last season. He gave Neal Ball a tip on the youngster and Ball passed the word to the local owners. Gray allowed six hits, three of them scratches. He displayed faults due to inexperience but had something on the ball during the five innings he pitched. He will be given a further trial. Bailey from Rhode Island was very crude and was tugged for three runs in the one inning he pitched. Bill Martin did well in the last three rounds. The net result of the dress rehearsal was that Toronto won by 2 to 1.

Doc Cook, who was tried by the Giants last season, held the locals scratches in the first inning. Quigley, a former Brooklyn Federal, was very wild in the sixth but did better after that. His inability to locate the plate gave Bridgeport three runs in the sixth.

The contest showed that the players among the recruits who distinguished themselves Friday are the only ones who will be of use. Quigley, Edwards and Mosher, Third Baseman Byrne and possibly Second Baseman Pastori are the ones who look strong enough for the Eastern league.

Edwards, who Cook had for two slashing singles and Mosher had the same number. Byrne picked up three safeties but one was a puny fly that dropped in front of the pitcher while his thoughts were far away. George Crook caught a snappy game and also blew himself to a double and single.

Tokyo has a number of good men. Lona Blackburne the old White Sox shortstop, could get only one hit. Bill Kelly, the former Pittsburgh backstop, collected a couple of raps. Martin Becker, the 1914 New London star, made two stirring catches. The score:

	ab.	r.	b.	po.	a.	e.
Becker, cf.	3	1	4	0	0	0
Wright, 3b.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Brackett, 1b.	4	1	2	0	0	0
Graham, 1b.	3	1	0	1	0	0
Blackburne, ss.	4	0	0	2	0	0
Reed, rf.	4	2	1	0	0	0
Trout, 2b.	5	2	3	3	0	0
Kelly, c.	3	2	2	0	0	0
Cook, p.	2	0	1	1	0	0
Jul, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Manning, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.	33	9	11	27	8	0

	ab.	r.	b.	po.	a.	e.
Pastori, 2b.	4	0	1	2	0	0
Ladd, cf.	3	0	0	2	0	0
Edwards, 1b.	2	0	0	2	0	0
Byrne, 3b.	5	2	3	3	0	0
Beale, 1b.	5	0	0	5	0	0
Crook, c.	4	1	2	5	0	0
Gilmore, cf.	3	1	0	0	0	0
Mosher, rf.	3	0	2	1	0	0
Stewart, ss.	1	0	0	1	0	0
Gray, p.	1	0	0	1	0	0
Murray, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bailey, p.	0	0	0	1	0	0
Martin, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gaffney, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.	35	3	10	27	16	0

Toronto, 9; Bridgeport, 3.

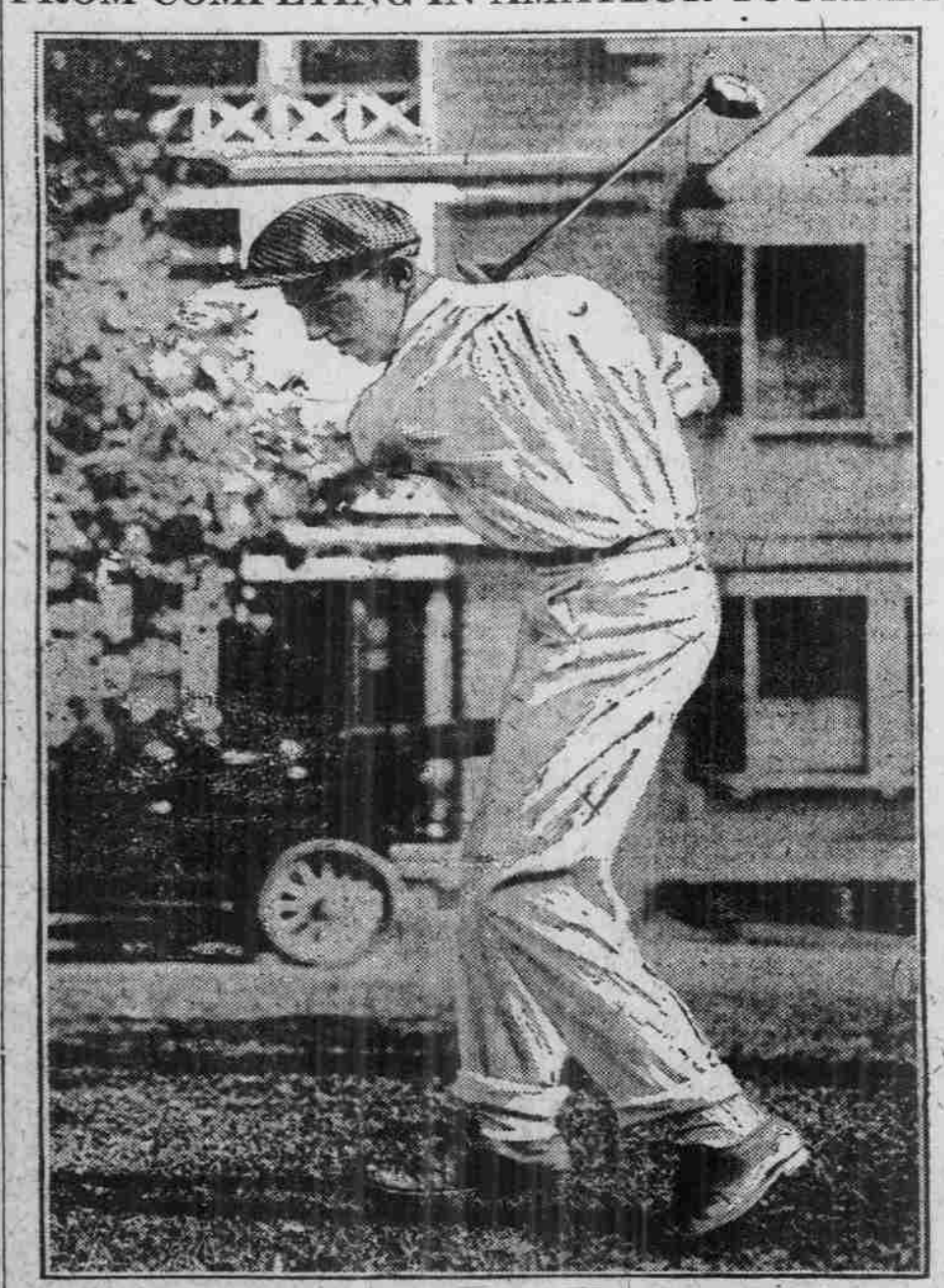
*Batted for Bailey in 4th.

Two base hits, Crook. Hits, off Jul 6 in 3 innings; Cook, 5 in 6 innings; Gray 6 in 5 innings; Bailey 3 in 1 inning; Martin 1 in 1 inning; Ladd 1 hit; Wright, Kelly, Manning, Stolen bases, Stewart, Gaffney, Mosher, Brackett, Blackburne, Becker, Double plays, Blackburne and Graham Crook and Byrne. Le on bases, Toronto 5; Bridgeport 10. Base as balls, off Gray 2; Bailey 2; Martin 2. Hit by pitcher, Blackburne, Becker and Mosher. Struck out, by Jul 7; Cook 1; Martin 2; Gray 3. Time, 1:10. Umpire, Neal Ball.

Hugo, French Giant of Barnum Show, Dies

Hugo, Barnum & Bailey circus giant, who was said to be the tallest man in the world, died in New York yesterday from pneumonia. He was eight feet four inches high and normally weighed 550 pounds. He was 47 years old, was born in Italy, and was known among circus people only as Hugo.

NEW GOLF RULE BARS FRANCIS OUMET FROM COMPETING IN AMATEUR TOURNEY



Boston, April 21.—Barring Francis Oumet from amateur championship means the passing of one of the most sensational players who ever lifted a golf club. For startling exploits on the links Oumet's record has never been equaled. Now, while only twenty-three, the Boston wonder must close his amateur career because in "handling" golf goods he's broken the association's new amateur rule. Oumet has repeatedly said he would never compete as a professional, which means he must now limit his playing to small club tournaments. In talking of the recent ruling Oumet said recently: "My new business will keep me so busy that I will have no time for competitive golf this season. Under no conditions would I compete as a professional. I made that announcement after winning the open title at Brookline in 1913, and I intend to keep my word. Personally, I do not take the United States Golf association's decision regarding amateurism very seriously. It strikes me that the ruling powers want to unnecessary lengths to enforce their new amateur rule. I have played golf because I love the game. It wasn't my intention to capitalize what success I have had on the links. As for destroying one's amateur status I don't see how selling sporting goods is any different from selling insurance, stocks, bonds, etc."

EAST SIDERS WILL BACK M'AUILLIFFE TO BEAT RECTOR

With the Easter holidays over the attention of the sporting pupils will be turned to two important happenings scheduled this week. One is the opening of the Easter baseball league in this city Friday. The other and more interesting of all will be the 15-round go between Young McAuliffe and Young Rector at the Casino Thursday night.

That a treat is in store for the fight fans of this city when the East End A. C. put on their card at the Casino Thursday evening is not questioned. Young McAuliffe, the pride of East Bridgeport, who has kicked them all and never been knocked out, will jump through the ropes Thursday night for his first appearance in this city three long months. He has not appeared here since his memorable bout with Johnny Drumme last January. Mac was scheduled to meet Young Rector of Jersey City before the East End A. C. last February. He was unable to fulfill his engagement owing to an attack of pleurisy. He said he would never box in this city again until he could square himself with Promoter Dan Hatfield of the East End A. C. who lost a pile of money on account of Mac's inability to appear.

Young Rector needs but little introduction to the fight fans of this city. He fought Johnny Drumme to a good draw here last February. He has knocked out such featherweights as K. O. Eggers and Dutch Brandt. He holds decisions over Drumme, Young Sieger, Young Cohen, Eddie Wallace and several other prominent featherweights.

McAuliffe and Rector are booked to go 15 rounds to a newspaper decision. Both will weigh 128 at 3 in the afternoon of the fight. Rector has pocketed \$300 cash with Tom Wagner of the Herald, to bet that he will put McAuliffe away within 10 rounds. McAuliffe's brother, Billy Gerrity, immediately covered the bet. There is plenty of McAuliffe money in this city. There are quite a few fans willing to back Rector, however, and a great deal of green will change hands on the outcome.

Rector is none the worse for his narrow escape from death at the local railroad station Friday night and regular training in Jersey City this morning. McAuliffe is steadily training at Levin's camp in Stratford. Almost as much interest is being centered in the outcome of the added attractions of eight rounds between K. O. Moran of the Acorn A. C. and K. O. Palitz of New London. Palitz, a resident of New London, is confident that Moran money can be had on the East Side while many old time fans are placing their confidence in the old ring general from New London. It is admitted by all that Palitz carries an awful wallop but it is also a well known fact that Moran is the hardest hitting welterweight this city has ever produced. It is only a question of how much beating he can take. The local boy earned the decision over Palitz in their last meeting in this city and his backers are confident that Moran will win by a K. O. this

PHILLIES BY SPRING SPIRIT SURPRISE FOES

New York, April 24.—The Phillies are caring little where the critics picked them during the winter and are working to pile up a big spring lead, the same as they did a year ago. The team still is a slow, lumbering outfit, but the Quakers are winning games. One thing that can be said for them is that the club has the fighting spirit, and no matter how far behind the boys are they never give up. The Giants formerly possessed such a fighting spirit; it might be well if they revived it.

The Quakers also have been helped by the fine hitting of Paskert and Niehoff this spring. Paskert, formerly a 300 man, fell off in his batting the last two years, and Beals Becker requested him out of a regular job in 1914. Moran put him back into the regular line-up last season, but he hit under .250.

This spring, Dode is hitting and feeling as when he was at the top of his career. Niehoff, who hit only .328 last season and generally is regarded as the weak spot of the team, is batting well above .300. Stock, the former Giant third baseman, also is doing some timely hitting for the Quakers.

CRACK STAMFORD FIVE TO TAKE ON RIBBONS TOMORROW

The Stamford five, which has made a fine record, this season, will play the Blue Ribbon team at Colonial hall tomorrow night. This is the last game of the basketball season. The Stamford boys gave the Ribbons a lacing early in the season and the locals will have to hustle to beat them tomorrow. George Smith, the former Ribbons star, will be at center for the visitors.

For this contest Manager Leavy has engaged Malone of the Norwalk five to play center. Jack Inglis, the Carbondale, Pa., star, will be at forward for the Ribbons. There will be a preliminary starting at 7.5. The lineup:

	R. F.	Beckman
Reich	L. F.	Inglis
Smith	L. F.	Malone
Barry	R. G.	Leonard
Hogan	L. G.	Swenson

BRIDGEPORT CITY IS WINNER IN SOCCER GAME

By beating the Rangers at Avon park yesterday the Bridgeport City soccer team entered the final round of the Budd Cup competition. The score was 2 to 1 and the contest was not until the latter part of the second half that the City players took the lead. Todd and Dickson excelled for the City boys and Rintone was a corker on paper and a record turn-out is expected by the promoters.

Heavy damages have been caused by floods that inundated Winnipeg, Manitoba.

SPRING FLOWERING PLANTS JOHN RECK & SON.

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New York, April 24.—Claude Cooper, for several years with the New York Giants and later with the Brooklyn Tip Tops, has returned to the fold of organized baseball. He signed a contract to play with Pat Moran's Phillies, champions of the National league, and reported at the Polo Grounds, Saturday afternoon, to join his new team.

The Philadelphia club has been negotiating with Cooper for about a week. He was under contract to the Brooklyn Federal league club for another year at a salary of \$7,000 per year. George S. Ward tried to dispose of him, but the amount of money called for by the contract scared all the major league clubs off. There was never a doubt of the ability of the player, but it is an exceptional player who is worth such a price in these calm, prosaic days of baseball peace. Mr. Ward told Cooper to go right ahead and make the best terms he was able, so Claude went right ahead. William F. Baker, president of the Phillies, made Cooper a liberal offer, but whether it approximated \$7,000 or not is not known. It is fair to assume that it did not, for the player hemmed and hawed for several days before affixing his signature to the papers.

Pat Moran says that Chief Bender, the Indian pitcher, advised him to buy Cooper. The wily old Chipewa expressed the opinion that the youngster would develop into one of the best outfielders in the game.

Tommy Nelson After Cowboy Charley Shands

The following is from Tommy Nelson's manager: "In behalf of Tommy Nelson I challenge any middleweight in Connecticut. He is anxious to meet 'Cowboy' Charley Shands who is making good in Bridgeport. He has challenged all the middleweights in the state but it seems they do not care to meet him. He has a newspaper decision over the Cowboy from 'Yonkers papers' but Nelson who is a resident of this state claims the championship of Connecticut and is ready at all times to defend same against all comers."

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AROUND THE SPORT LOOP

SHOWING OF GIANTS DISCOURAGING SO FAR.

The showing of the Giants so far has been a big disappointment to their supporters. The Giants have plenty of hitters and their fielding has been fair but the pitching has not been up to standard. McGraw has no star boxman he can send in with the certainty of holding the enemy down. Palmero, the Cuban left hander, has pleased the fans by his work so far. But none of the other hurlers has enthused McGraw. The Giant leader has seen his club make four or five runs in a game and still lose.

Gus Knorr, one of the Bridgeport baseball magnates, went to Boston yesterday to attend the Eastern league meeting. No understanding has been reached with Toronto regarding Neal Ball although another conference was held yesterday. The trouble is that Toronto is badly in need of infielders. The new owners have been very much encouraged by the attendance at exhibition games despite unfavorable weather. There were 1,000 paid admissions yesterday, which was very good for a cold, cloudy day.

Hi Ladd received a warm welcome when he went to center field for a few innings yesterday. He is not thinking of playing regularly but the management thought the fans might like to see the veteran in action. Ladd hit the ball each time but didn't get a fourth out.

The fourth game of the Toronto series will be played tomorrow afternoon. After that the Bridgeport players will indulge in daily practice until the league opening with Lowell on Friday. Kingston will probably pitch tomorrow.

Bill Kelly, who caught Marty O'Toole in the American association at

GEDEON'S HITTING PLEASES TO BILL DONOVAN OF YANKS

Washington, April 24.—There's no dodging the outstanding fact that Wild Willie Donovan, manager of the Yankees, is beginning to feel that he is now controlling a real ball team. It's almost unnatural to figure the Yankees as a real team, but Bill Donovan says so, and his word goes.

There's no sidestepping the news that Willie is very much enthused over the way Joe Gedeon is skipping about the second bag. Joe faced the Washington twirlers 13 times and grabbed five hits and two passes for himself. Those hits consisted of two singles, one double and two triples.

"Home Run" Baker hasn't electrified the mobs of frenzied fans here with his swatting. It never fails to happen that in the majority of Baker's crashes some holder is hanging around the spot where the ball falls.

Lee Magee and Frank Gilhooley, the two ailing outfielders, are now strolling about paying the closest attention to their sore necks. It is almost certain they will be absent from the lineup for at least a week.

Lefty High will still keep left field warm during the layoff of Magee and Roy Hartsell will do a bit for "Gil" in the right garden.

FRED FULTON TO MAKE HIS DEBUT FRIDAY

New York, April 24.—The attraction of the week's boxing bouts will be the local debut of Fred Fulton, the Rochester, Minn., giant, at the Stadium A. C. in the Manhattan Opera House on Friday night. Fulton's opponent will be Al Reich, the former amateur heavyweight champion.

Reich's friends are confident that he will dispose of the Westerner because of the impressive manner in which he defeated Porky Flynn of Boston a few weeks ago. Flynn boxed a twenty-round bout with Fulton in New Orleans and gave the new heavyweight aspirant a hard battle.

Fulton is training at the Pioneer Sporting Club, where Willard trained, and has shown considerable skill as a boxer. Those who have seen him work out have been impressed with his speed and punching ability. Little is known about his ability to take punishment, but if he displays the aggressiveness against Reich that he has shown in his training bouts, there is a lively time ahead for the former amateur.

If Fulton makes a favorable impression against Reich he will be matched to box Jim Coffey and Frank Moran, Johnny Mack as at the head of the local promoters who have put up \$50,000 for three bouts for Fulton. If he defeats Reich, Coffey and Moran it is likely he will be matched for a bout with Champion Jess Willard before the end of the year.

George Stallings, Ford was the sensation of the year, winning twenty-six victories while he met but six defeats. His work was largely instrumental in enabling the Klittas to finish in second place. Ford proved himself the greatest recruit that ever broke into fast company. In 1911 Russ had twenty-two wins against eleven defeats. In 1912 he scored but thirteen triumphs as against twenty-one defeats, and was knocked out of the box repeatedly. Except for his one big year with the Reds when the emery ball saved his bacon, Russ has never redeemed the great promise of his early career in the majors.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Although tournaments have already been staged in Cuba and California, the tennis season for 1916 will really begin this week with the open event of the Essex County Country Club at West Orange, N. J., to be followed by the annual invitation tournament on the courts of the Chevy Chase Club in Maryland. The merry month of May will witness numerous tournaments of the reh-rah boys, beginning on the first with the southern intercollegiate championship at Tulane University, New Orleans. Intercollegiate championships will be staged during the month at the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton and Harvard. Other important events on the May program of the racket wielders include the Border states championship at Tuscon, Ariz., May 10th; Maryland State championship at Baltimore, May 6th; New England intercollegiate at Boston on May 15th; Middle Atlantic tournament at Chevy Chase, Md., May 27th; Eastern States women's championship at Haverford, Pa., May 29th; and Massachusetts championship doubles at West Newton on May 27th. The National Lawn Tennis Association has granted dates for a record number of fixtures this year, more than 200 tournaments being on the list. In Canada the war has naturally affected the interest in tennis, as in most sports, and there will be fewer meetings of the racket wielders than in past years.

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